(viii) Financial assistance to village industry units for participation in national and international level exhibitions for market development; and

(ix) Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) scheme for providing bank loans to khadi any polyvastra units at subsidised rates of interest.

(c) Details of Government funds spent by the Central Government in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries for implementation of the programmes/schemes in North-Eastern Region, during the last three years, are as follows:

(*Rs. crore*)

Year	Funds spent
2002-03	30.16
2003-04	53.73
2004-05	68.99

Centrally-sponsored schemes for ARIs

2423. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored scheme implemented for developing agro-rural industries;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect agro-rural industries from competition by providing technology support?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The Scheme of Co-operativisation in the Coir Sector is the only Centrally sponsored Scheme implemented by the Central Government in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries (ARI). Under this scheme, the Central Government gives grants for various purposes to the States for further assistance to coir co-operative societies, based on receipt of proposals from the States, in accordance with eligibility criteria and other guidelines of the scheme.

(b) The details of funds allocated under this scheme during the last three- years, State-wise, are as follows:

(Rs. (Lakh)

Year	Tamil Nadu	Orissa
2002-03	4.27	—
2003-04	—	83.40
2004-05	—	—

(c) The Coir Board, a statutory organisation under the Ministry of ARI, provides technology support to the coir industry through its two research institutions, *viz.*, (a) Central Coir Research Institute (CCRI), located at Kalavoor in Kerala and (b) Central Institute of Coir Technology (CICT) located at Bangalore. Both these institutions have developed technologies and machinery with a view to helping the Indian coir industry meet the challenge of competition in the international market.

Beneficiaries of PMRY in Andhra Pradesh

2424. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 131 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 2005 and state:

(a) the reasons for reduction in the number of beneficiaries in 2004-05 as compared to 2003-04;

(b) whether Government have sent any communication to Government of Andhra Pradesh for not reporting utilization of funds under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the year under review; and

(c) whether it is mandatory to sent the reports once in every quarter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Implementation of the employment generation programme 'Rajiv Yuva Shakti' by the State Government, delay in disbursement of loans by banks, etc., constitute the reasons for reduction in the number of assisted beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar